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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2265

Introduced by Assembly Member Aroner
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Thomson)

February 24, 2000

An act to amend Section 1368.2 of, and to add Sections 1746.5 and 1746.6 to, the Health and Safety Code, to amend Section 10232.9 of the Insurance Code, and to amend Section 14132 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2265, as amended, Aroner. End-of-life care.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation by the State Department of Health Services of persons or agencies providing hospice services for persons, and the families of persons, who are experiencing the last phases of life due to a terminal disease.

Existing law requires every health care service plan, other than specialized plans, to provide coverage for hospice care, commencing January 1, 2002.

Existing law requires long-term care policies that provide benefits of home care or community-based services also to provide coverage for hospice care.

Existing law also provides that hospice care is a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal program.

This bill would, for purposes of the above-mentioned provisions of law, require that palliative care consultations consisting of specified services be provided to patients and their families when the patients have a limited life expectancy due to a terminal illness. It would further require that these consultations be provided by physicians or licensed certified hospice providers prior to the decision to elect hospice care.

Existing definitions contained in hospice program licensing provisions are applicable to health care service plan provisions.

This bill would also apply these definitions to long-term care insurance policy and Medi-Cal program provisions.

Because violation of hospice program licensing provisions and willful violation of health care service plan provisions is a crime, the bill would constitute a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares
2 that an important component of hospice care and
3 end-of-life care provided in any health facility or at home
4 includes valuable and time-consuming discussions with
5 the dying patient and his or her family members.
6 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, prior to the
7 election of hospice care, ~~end-of-life~~ *end-of-life* options be
8 presented and discussed with patients who have a limited
9 life expectancy and their families. The Legislature finds
10 and declares that these palliative care consultations by
11 physicians or licensed certified hospice programs



1 represent a range of important information that should
2 be available to dying patients and their families, whatever
3 the means of health insurance and health provider,
4 whether it is through health care service plans, long-term
5 care health insurance, or Medi-Cal.

6 SEC. 2. Section 1368.2 of the Health and Safety Code
7 is amended to read:

8 1368.2. (a) On and after January 1, 2002, every group
9 health care service plan contract, except a specialized
10 health care service plan contract, which is issued,
11 amended, or renewed, shall include a provision for
12 hospice care.

13 (b) The hospice care shall at a minimum be equivalent
14 to hospice care provided by the federal Medicare
15 program pursuant to Title XVIII of the Social Security
16 Act.

17 (c) The following are applicable to this section and to
18 paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 1345:

19 (1) The definitions in Section 1746.

20 (2) The “federal regulations” which means the
21 regulations adopted for hospice care under Title XVIII of
22 the Social Security Act in Title 42 of the Code of Federal
23 Regulations, Chapter IV, Part 418, except Subparts A, B,
24 G, and H, and any amendments or successor provisions
25 thereto.

26 (d) The commissioner no later than January 1, 2001,
27 shall adopt regulations to implement this section. The
28 regulations shall meet all of the following requirements:

29 (1) Be consistent with all material elements of the
30 federal regulations that are not by their terms applicable
31 only to eligible Medicare beneficiaries. If there is a
32 conflict between a federal regulation and any state
33 regulation, other than those adopted pursuant to this
34 section, the commissioner shall adopt the regulation that
35 is most favorable for plan subscribers, members or
36 enrollees to receive hospice care.

37 (2) Be consistent with any other applicable federal or
38 state laws.

39 (3) Be consistent with the definitions of Section 1746.

1 (e) This section is not applicable to the subscribers,
2 members, or enrollees of a health care service plan who
3 elect to receive hospice care under the Medicare
4 program.

5 (f) The commissioner, commencing on January 15,
6 2002, and on each January 15th thereafter, shall report to
7 the Health Care Service Plan Advisory Committee any
8 changes in the federal regulations that differ materially
9 from the regulations then in effect for this section. The
10 commissioner shall include with the report written text
11 for proposed changes to the regulations then in effect for
12 this section needed to meet the requirements of
13 subdivision (d).

14 (g) Palliative care consultations shall be provided to
15 patients and their families when the patients have a
16 limited life expectancy due to a terminal illness. These
17 palliative care consultations shall be provided by
18 physicians or licensed certified hospice providers prior to
19 the decision to elect hospice care. Palliative care
20 consultations shall consist of patient and family education
21 relating to the last phases of life, including, but not limited
22 to, pain and symptom management, psychosocial and
23 spiritual issues, and advising family members that they
24 may need professional services related to legal and other
25 family obligations associated with the end of life, but that
26 these services are not covered by hospice benefits.

27 SEC. 3. Section 1746.5 is added to the Health and
28 Safety Code, to read:

29 1746.5. Palliative care consultations shall be provided
30 to patients and their families when the patients have a
31 limited life expectancy due to a terminal illness. These
32 palliative care consultations shall be provided by
33 physicians or licensed certified hospice providers prior to
34 the decision to elect hospice care. Palliative care
35 consultations shall consist of patient and family education
36 relating to the last phases of life, including, but not limited
37 to, pain and symptom management, psychosocial and
38 spiritual issues, and advising family members that they
39 may need professional services related to legal and other

1 family obligations associated with the end of life, but that
2 these services are not covered by hospice benefits.

3 SEC. 4. Section 1746.6 is added to the Health and
4 Safety Code, to read:

5 1746.6. Palliative care consultations for a patient and
6 his or her family members regarding the services
7 associated with a hospice program prior to the patient
8 choosing to enroll or enter a hospice program in the state,
9 shall not be deemed a potential fraud or abuse practice.
10 A hospice program may counsel a patient and his or her
11 family members prior to enrollment or entrance into a
12 hospice program as long as the hospice program is
13 assisting the patient and his or her family members in
14 understanding the components of palliative care. A
15 solicitation by a particular hospice program to a patient
16 or his or her family member for the sole purpose of
17 enrolling or entering a patient is not a palliative care
18 consultation.

19 SEC. 5. Section 10232.9 of the Insurance Code is
20 amended to read:

21 10232.9. (a) Every long-term care policy or
22 certificate that purports to provide benefits of home care
23 or community-based services, shall provide at least the
24 following:

- 25 (1) Home health care.
- 26 (2) Adult day care.
- 27 (3) Personal care.
- 28 (4) Homemaker services.
- 29 (5) Hospice services.
- 30 (6) Respite care.

31 (b) For purposes of this section, policy definitions of
32 these benefits may be no more restrictive than the
33 following:

- 34 (1) "Home health care" is skilled nursing or other
35 professional services in the residence, including, but not
36 limited to, part-time and intermittent skilled nursing
37 services, home health aid services, physical therapy,
38 occupational therapy, or speech therapy and audiology
39 services, and medical social services by a social worker.

1 (2) “Adult day care” is medical or nonmedical care on
2 a less than 24-hour basis, provided in a licensed facility
3 outside the residence, for persons in need of personal
4 services, supervision, protection, or assistance in
5 sustaining daily needs, including eating, bathing,
6 dressing, ambulating, transferring, toileting, and taking
7 medications.

8 (3) “Personal care” is assistance with the activities of
9 daily living, including the instrumental activities of daily
10 living, provided by a skilled or unskilled person under a
11 plan of care developed by a physician or a
12 multidisciplinary team under medical direction.
13 “Instrumental activities of daily living” include using the
14 telephone, managing medications, moving about outside,
15 shopping for essentials, preparing meals, laundry, and
16 light housekeeping.

17 (4) “Homemaker services” is assistance with activities
18 necessary to or consistent with the insured’s ability to
19 remain in his or her residence, that is provided by a skilled
20 or unskilled person under a plan of care developed by a
21 physician or a multidisciplinary team under medical
22 direction.

23 (5) “Hospice services” are those services described in
24 Section 1746 of the Health and Safety Code that are not
25 paid by Medicare, that are designed to provide palliative
26 care, alleviate the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual
27 discomforts of an individual who is experiencing the last
28 phases of life due to the existence of a terminal condition,
29 and to provide supportive care to the primary caregiver
30 and the family. Palliative care consultations shall be
31 provided to patients and their families when the patients
32 have a limited life expectancy due to a terminal illness.
33 These palliative care consultations shall be provided by
34 physicians or licensed certified hospice providers prior to
35 the decision to elect hospice care. Palliative care
36 consultations shall consist of patient and family education
37 relating to the last phases of life, including, but not limited
38 to, pain and symptom management, psychosocial and
39 spiritual issues, and advising family members that they
40 may need professional services related to legal and other

1 family obligations associated with the end of life, but that
2 these services are not covered by hospice benefits. Care
3 may be provided by a skilled or unskilled person under
4 a plan of care developed by a physician or a
5 multidisciplinary team under medical direction. For
6 policies that are intended to be federally qualified
7 long-term care insurance contracts, as defined in Section
8 10232.1, hospice services shall be covered to the extent
9 authorized under Public Law 104-191, and regulations
10 adopted thereunder.

11 (6) “Respite care” is short-term care provided in an
12 institution, in the home, or in a community-based
13 program, that is designed to relieve a primary caregiver
14 in the home. This is a separate benefit with its own
15 conditions for eligibility and maximum benefit levels.

16 (c) Home care benefits shall not be limited or
17 excluded by any of the following:

18 (1) Requiring a need for care in a nursing home if
19 home care services are not provided.

20 (2) Requiring that skilled nursing or therapeutic
21 services be used before or with unskilled services.

22 (3) Requiring the existence of an acute condition.

23 (4) Limiting benefits to services provided by
24 Medicare-certified providers or agencies.

25 (5) Limiting benefits to those provided by licensed or
26 skilled personnel when other providers could provide the
27 service, except where prior certification or licensure is
28 required by state law.

29 (6) Defining an eligible provider in a manner that is
30 more restrictive than that used to license that provider by
31 the state where the service is provided.

32 (7) Requiring “medical necessity” or similar standard
33 as a criteria for benefits.

34 (d) Every comprehensive long-term care policy or
35 certificate that provides for both institutional care and
36 home care and that sets a daily, weekly, or monthly
37 benefit payment maximum, shall pay a maximum benefit
38 payment for home care that is at least 50 percent of the
39 maximum benefit payment for institutional care, and in
40 no event shall home care benefits be paid at a rate less

1 than fifty dollars (\$50) per day. Insurance products
2 approved for residents in continuing care retirement
3 communities are exempt from this provision.

4 Every such comprehensive long-term care policy or
5 certificate that sets a durational maximum for
6 institutional care, limiting the length of time that benefits
7 may be received during the life of the policy or
8 certificate, shall allow a similar durational maximum for
9 home care that is at least one-half of the length of time
10 allowed for institutional care.

11 SEC. 6. Section 14132 of the Welfare and Institutions
12 Code is amended to read:

13 14132. The following is the schedule of benefits under
14 this chapter:

15 (a) Outpatient services are covered as follows:

16 Physician, hospital or clinic outpatient, surgical center,
17 respiratory care, optometric, chiropractic, psychology,
18 podiatric, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech
19 therapy, audiology, acupuncture to the extent federal
20 matching funds are provided for acupuncture, and
21 services of persons rendering treatment by prayer or
22 healing by spiritual means in the practice of any church
23 or religious denomination insofar as these can be
24 encompassed by federal participation under an approved
25 plan, subject to utilization controls.

26 (b) Inpatient hospital services, including, but not
27 limited to, physician and podiatric services, physical
28 therapy and occupational therapy, are covered subject to
29 utilization controls.

30 (c) Nursing facility services, subacute care services,
31 and services provided by any category of intermediate
32 care facility for the developmentally disabled, including
33 podiatry, physician, nurse practitioner services, and
34 prescribed drugs, as described in subdivision (d), are
35 covered subject to utilization controls. Respiratory care,
36 physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy,
37 and audiology services for patients in nursing facilities
38 and any category of intermediate care facility for the
39 developmentally disabled are covered subject to
40 utilization controls.

1 (d) Purchase of prescribed drugs is covered subject to
2 the Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs and utilization
3 controls.

4 (e) Outpatient dialysis services and home
5 hemodialysis services, including physician services,
6 medical supplies, drugs and equipment required for
7 dialysis, are covered, subject to utilization controls.

8 (f) Anesthesiologist services when provided as part of
9 an outpatient medical procedure, nurse anesthetists
10 services when rendered in an inpatient or outpatient
11 setting under conditions set forth by the director,
12 outpatient laboratory services, and X-ray services are
13 covered, subject to utilization controls. Nothing in this
14 subdivision shall be construed to require prior
15 authorization for anesthesiologist services provided as
16 part of an outpatient medical procedure or for portable
17 X-ray services in a nursing facility or any category of
18 intermediate care facility for the developmentally
19 disabled.

20 (g) Blood and blood derivatives are covered.

21 (h) (1) Emergency and essential diagnostic and
22 restorative dental services, except for orthodontic, fixed
23 bridgework, and partial dentures that are not necessary
24 for balance of a complete artificial denture, are covered,
25 subject to utilization controls. The utilization controls
26 shall allow emergency and essential diagnostic and
27 restorative dental services and prostheses that are
28 necessary to prevent a significant disability or to replace
29 previously furnished prostheses which are lost or
30 destroyed due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's
31 control. The department's utilization controls shall not
32 require X-rays as a condition of reimbursement for fillings
33 for children under 18 years of age. Notwithstanding the
34 foregoing, the director may by regulation provide for
35 certain fixed artificial dentures necessary for obtaining
36 employment or for medical conditions which preclude
37 the use of removable dental prostheses, and for
38 orthodontic services in cleft palate deformities
39 administered by the department's California Children
40 Services Program.

(2) For persons 21 years of age or older, the services specified in paragraph (1) shall be provided subject to the following conditions:

(A) Periodontal treatment is not a benefit.

(B) Endodontic therapy is not a benefit except for vital pulpotomy.

(C) Laboratory processed crowns are not a benefit.

(D) Removable prosthetics shall be a benefit only for patients as a requirement for employment.

(E) The director may, by regulation, provide for the provision of fixed artificial dentures that are necessary for medical conditions that preclude the use of removable dental prostheses.

(F) Notwithstanding the conditions specified in subparagraphs (A) to (E), inclusive, the department may approve services for persons with special medical disorders subject to utilization review.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall become inoperative July 1, 1995.

(i) Medical transportation is covered, subject to utilization controls.

(j) Home health care services are covered, subject to utilization controls.

(k) Prosthetic and orthotic devices and eyeglasses are covered, subject to utilization controls. Utilization controls shall allow replacement of prosthetic and orthotic devices and eyeglasses necessary because of loss or destruction due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control. Frame styles for eyeglasses replaced pursuant to this subdivision shall not change more than once every two years, unless the department so directs.

Orthopedic and conventional shoes are covered when provided by a prosthetic and orthotic supplier on the prescription of a physician and when at least one of the shoes will be attached to a prosthesis or brace, subject to utilization controls. Modification of stock conventional or orthopedic shoes when medically indicated, is covered subject to utilization controls. When there is a clearly established medical need that cannot be satisfied by the

1 modification of stock conventional or orthopedic shoes,
2 custom-made orthopedic shoes are covered, subject to
3 utilization controls.

4 (l) Hearing aids are covered, subject to utilization
5 controls. Utilization controls shall allow replacement of
6 hearing aids necessary because of loss or destruction due
7 to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control.

8 (m) Durable medical equipment and medical supplies
9 are covered, subject to utilization controls. The utilization
10 controls shall allow the replacement of durable medical
11 equipment and medical supplies when necessary because
12 of loss or destruction due to circumstances beyond the
13 beneficiary's control.

14 (n) Family planning services are covered, subject to
15 utilization controls.

16 (o) Inpatient intensive rehabilitation hospital services,
17 including respiratory rehabilitation services, in a general
18 acute care hospital are covered, subject to utilization
19 controls, when either of the following criteria are met:

20 (1) A patient with a permanent disability or severe
21 impairment requires an inpatient intensive rehabilitation
22 hospital program as described in Section 14064 to develop
23 function beyond the limited amount that would occur in
24 the normal course of recovery.

25 (2) A patient with a chronic or progressive disease
26 requires an inpatient intensive rehabilitation hospital
27 program as described in Section 14064 to maintain the
28 patient's present functional level as long as possible.

29 (p) Adult day health care is covered in accordance
30 with Chapter 8.7 (commencing with Section 14520).

31 (q) (1) Application of fluoride, or other appropriate
32 fluoride treatment as defined by the department, other
33 prophylaxis treatment for children 17 years of age and
34 under, are covered.

35 (2) All dental hygiene services provided by a
36 registered dental hygienist in alternative practice
37 pursuant to Sections 1768 and 1770 of the Business and
38 Professions Code may be covered as long as they are
39 within the scope of Denti-Cal benefits and they are

1 necessary services provided by a registered dental
2 hygienist in alternative practice.

3 (r) (1) Paramedic services performed by a city,
4 county, or special district, or pursuant to a contract with
5 a city, county, or special district, and pursuant to a
6 program established under Article 3 (commencing with
7 Section 1480) of Chapter 2.5 of Division 2 of the Health
8 and Safety Code by a paramedic certified pursuant to that
9 article, and consisting of defibrillation and those services
10 specified in subdivision (3) of Section 1482 of the article.

11 (2) All providers enrolled under this subdivision shall
12 satisfy all applicable statutory and regulatory
13 requirements for becoming a Medi-Cal provider.

14 (3) This subdivision shall be implemented only to the
15 extent funding is available under Section 14106.6.

16 (s) In-home medical care services are covered when
17 medically appropriate and subject to utilization controls,
18 for beneficiaries who would otherwise require care for an
19 extended period of time in an acute care hospital at a cost
20 higher than in-home medical care services. The director
21 shall have the authority under this section to contract
22 with organizations qualified to provide in-home medical
23 care services to those persons. These services may be
24 provided to patients placed in shared or congregate living
25 arrangements, if a home setting is not medically
26 appropriate or available to the beneficiary. As used in this
27 section, “in-home medical care service” includes utility
28 bills directly attributable to continuous, 24-hour
29 operation of life-sustaining medical equipment, to the
30 extent that federal financial participation is available.

31 As used in this subdivision, in-home medical care
32 services, include, but are not limited to:

33 (1) Level of care and cost of care evaluations.

34 (2) Expenses, directly attributable to home care
35 activities, for materials.

36 (3) Physician fees for home visits.

37 (4) Expenses directly attributable to home care
38 activities for shelter and modification to shelter.

39 (5) Expenses directly attributable to additional costs of
40 special diets, including tube feeding.

- 1 (6) Medically related personal services.
- 2 (7) Home nursing education.
- 3 (8) Emergency maintenance repair.
- 4 (9) Home health agency personnel benefits which
- 5 permit coverage of care during periods when regular
- 6 personnel are on vacation or using sick leave.
- 7 (10) All services needed to maintain antiseptic
- 8 conditions at stoma or shunt sites on the body.
- 9 (11) Emergency and nonemergency medical
- 10 transportation.
- 11 (12) Medical supplies.
- 12 (13) Medical equipment, including, but not limited to,
- 13 scales, gurneys, and equipment racks suitable for
- 14 paralyzed patients.
- 15 (14) Utility use directly attributable to the
- 16 requirements of home care activities which are in
- 17 addition to normal utility use.
- 18 (15) Special drugs and medications.
- 19 (16) Home health agency supervision of visiting staff
- 20 which is medically necessary, but not included in the
- 21 home health agency rate.
- 22 (17) Therapy services.
- 23 (18) Household appliances and household utensil costs
- 24 directly attributable to home care activities.
- 25 (19) Modification of medical equipment for home use.
- 26 (20) Training and orientation for use of life support
- 27 systems, including, but not limited to, support of
- 28 respiratory functions.
- 29 (21) Respiratory care practitioner services as defined
- 30 in Sections 3702 and 3703 of the Business and Professions
- 31 Code, subject to prescription by a physician and surgeon.
- 32 Beneficiaries receiving in-home medical care services
- 33 are entitled to the full range of services within the
- 34 Medi-Cal scope of benefits as defined by this section,
- 35 subject to medical necessity and applicable utilization
- 36 control. Services provided pursuant to this subdivision,
- 37 which are not otherwise included in the Medi-Cal
- 38 schedule of benefits, shall be available only to the extent
- 39 that federal financial participation for these services is

1 available in accordance with a home- and
2 community-based services waiver.

3 (t) Home- and community-based services approved
4 by the United States Department of Health and Human
5 Services may be covered to the extent that federal
6 financial participation is available for those services
7 under waivers granted in accordance with Section 1396n
8 of Title 42 of the United States Code. The director may
9 seek waivers for any or all home- and community-based
10 services approvable under Section 1396n of Title 42 of the
11 United States Code. Coverage for those services shall be
12 limited by the terms, conditions, and duration of the
13 federal waivers.

14 The department shall submit a report, as provided in
15 Section 28 of the 1982 Budget Act, 30 days prior to
16 providing these services as Medi-Cal benefits. The report
17 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
18 Committee and the fiscal committees and shall address
19 the cost effectiveness of services provided pursuant to
20 this subdivision.

21 (u) Comprehensive perinatal services, as provided
22 through an agreement with a health care provider
23 designated in Section 14134.5 and meeting the standards
24 developed by the department pursuant to Section
25 14134.5, subject to utilization controls.

26 The department shall seek any federal waivers
27 necessary to implement the provisions of this subdivision.
28 The provisions for which appropriate federal waivers
29 cannot be obtained shall not be implemented. Provisions
30 for which waivers are obtained or for which waivers are
31 not required shall be implemented notwithstanding any
32 inability to obtain federal waivers for the other provisions.
33 No provision of this subdivision shall be implemented
34 unless matching funds from Subchapter XIX
35 (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42
36 of the United States Code are available.

37 (v) Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and
38 treatment for any individual under 21 years of age is
39 covered, consistent with the requirements of Subchapter



1 XIX (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of
2 Title 42 of the United States Code.

3 (w) Hospice service, as defined in Section 1746 of the
4 Health and Safety Code, that is provided by a
5 Medicare-certified hospice service, is covered, subject to
6 utilization controls. Coverage shall be available only to
7 the extent that no additional net program costs are
8 incurred. Palliative care consultations shall be provided
9 to patients and their families when the patients have a
10 limited life expectancy due to a terminal illness. These
11 palliative care consultations shall be provided by
12 physicians or licensed certified hospice providers prior to
13 the decision to elect hospice care. Palliative care
14 consultations shall consist of patient and family education
15 relating to the last phases of life, including, but not limited
16 to, pain and symptom management, psychosocial and
17 spiritual issues, and advising family members that they
18 may need professional services related to legal and other
19 family obligations associated with the end of life, but that
20 these services are not covered by hospice benefits.

21 (x) When a claim for treatment provided to a
22 beneficiary includes both services which are authorized
23 and reimbursable under this chapter, and services which
24 are not reimbursable under this chapter, that portion of
25 the claim for the treatment and services authorized and
26 reimbursable under this chapter shall be payable.

27 (y) Home- and community-based services approved
28 by the United States Department of Health and Human
29 Services for beneficiaries with a diagnosis of AIDS or
30 ARC, who require intermediate care or a higher level of
31 care.

32 Services provided pursuant to a waiver obtained from
33 the Secretary of the United States Department of Health
34 and Human Services pursuant to this subdivision, and
35 which are not otherwise included in the Medi-Cal
36 schedule of benefits, shall be available only to the extent
37 that federal financial participation for these services is
38 available in accordance with the waiver, and subject to
39 the terms, conditions, and duration of the waiver. These
40 services shall be provided to individual beneficiaries in

1 accordance with the client's needs as identified in the
2 plan of care, and subject to medical necessity and
3 applicable utilization control.

4 The director may under this section contract with
5 organizations qualified to provide, directly or by
6 subcontract, services provided for in this subdivision to
7 eligible beneficiaries. Contracts or agreements entered
8 into pursuant to this division shall not be subject to the
9 Public Contract Code.

10 (z) Respiratory care when provided in organized
11 health care systems as defined in Section 3701 of the
12 Business and Professions Code, and as an in-home medical
13 service as outlined in subdivision (s).

14 (aa) (1) There is hereby established in the
15 department, a program to provide comprehensive
16 clinical family planning services to any person who has a
17 family income at or below 200 percent of the federal
18 poverty level, as revised annually, and who is eligible to
19 receive these services pursuant to the waiver identified
20 in paragraph (2). This program shall be known as the
21 Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family
22 PACT) Waiver Program.

23 (2) The department shall seek a waiver for a program
24 to provide comprehensive clinical family planning
25 services as described in paragraph (8). The program shall
26 be operated only in accordance with the waiver and the
27 statutes and regulations in paragraph (4) and subject to
28 the terms, conditions, and duration of the waiver. The
29 services shall be provided under the program only if the
30 waiver is approved by the federal Health Care Financing
31 Administration in accordance with Section 1396n of Title
32 42 of the United States Code and only to the extent that
33 federal financial participation is available for the services.

34 (3) Solely for the purposes of the waiver and
35 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the collection
36 and use of an individual's social security number shall be
37 necessary only to the extent required by federal law.

38 (4) Sections 14105.3 to 14105.39, inclusive, 14107.11,
39 24005, and 24013, and any regulations adopted under
40 these statutes shall apply to the program provided for

1 under this subdivision. No other provision of law under
2 the Medi-Cal program or the State-Only Family Planning
3 Program shall apply to the program provided for under
4 this subdivision.

5 (5) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
6 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the
7 Government Code, the department may implement,
8 without taking regulatory action, the provisions of the
9 waiver after its approval by the federal Health Care
10 Financing Administration and the provisions of this
11 section by means of an all-county letter or similar
12 instruction to providers. Thereafter, the department shall
13 adopt regulations to implement this section and the
14 approved waiver in accordance with the requirements of
15 Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1
16 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
17 Beginning six months after the effective date of the act
18 adding this subdivision, the department shall provide a
19 status report to the Legislature on a semiannual basis until
20 regulations have been adopted.

21 (6) In the event that the Department of Finance
22 determines that the program operated under the
23 authority of the waiver described in paragraph (2) is no
24 longer cost-effective, this subdivision shall become
25 inoperative on the first day of the first month following
26 the issuance of a 30-day notification of that determination
27 in writing by the Department of Finance to the
28 chairperson in each house that considers appropriations,
29 the chairpersons of the committees, and the appropriate
30 subcommittees in each house that considers the State
31 Budget, and the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative
32 Budget Committee.

33 (7) If this subdivision ceases to be operative, all
34 persons who have received or are eligible to receive
35 comprehensive clinical family planning services pursuant
36 to the waiver described in paragraph (2) shall receive
37 family planning services under the Medi-Cal program
38 pursuant to subdivision (n) if they are otherwise eligible
39 for Medi-Cal with no share of cost, or shall receive
40 comprehensive clinical family planning services under

1 the program established in Division 24 (commencing
2 with Section 24000) either if they are eligible for Medi-Cal
3 with a share of cost or if they are otherwise eligible under
4 Section 24003.

5 (8) For purposes of this subdivision, “comprehensive
6 clinical family planning services” means the process of
7 establishing objectives for the number and spacing of
8 children, and selecting the means by which those
9 objectives may be achieved. These means include a broad
10 range of acceptable and effective methods and services
11 to limit or enhance fertility, including contraceptive
12 methods, federal Food and Drug Administration
13 approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and supplies,
14 natural family planning, abstinence methods, and basic,
15 limited fertility management. Comprehensive clinical
16 family planning services include, but are not limited to,
17 preconception counseling, maternal and fetal health
18 counseling, general reproductive health care, including
19 diagnosis and treatment of infections and conditions,
20 including cancer, that threaten reproductive capability,
21 medical family planning treatment and procedures,
22 including supplies and followup, and informational,
23 counseling, and educational services. Comprehensive
24 clinical family planning services shall not include
25 abortion, pregnancy testing solely for the purposes of
26 referral for abortion or services ancillary to abortions, or
27 pregnancy care that is not incident to the diagnosis of
28 pregnancy. Comprehensive clinical family planning
29 services shall be subject to utilization control and include
30 all of the following:

31 (A) Family planning related services and male and
32 female sterilization. Family planning services for men
33 and women shall include emergency services and
34 services for complications directly related to the
35 contraceptive method, federal Food and Drug
36 Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices,
37 and supplies, and followup, consultation, and referral
38 services, as indicated, which may require treatment
39 authorization requests.

(B) All United States Department of Agriculture, federal Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and supplies that are in keeping with current standards of practice and from which the individual may choose.

(C) Culturally and linguistically appropriate health education and counseling services, including informed consent, that include all of the following:

- (i) Psychosocial and medical aspects of contraception.
- (ii) Sexuality.
- (iii) Fertility.
- (iv) Pregnancy.
- (v) Parenthood.
- (vi) Infertility.
- (vii) Reproductive health care.
- (viii) Preconception and nutrition counseling.
- (ix) Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infection.
- (x) Use of contraceptive methods, federal Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and supplies.
- (xi) Possible contraceptive consequences and followup.
- (xii) Interpersonal communication and negotiation of relationships to assist individuals and couples in effective contraceptive method use and planning families.

(D) A comprehensive health history, updated at next periodic visit (between 11 and 24 months after initial examination) that includes a complete obstetrical history, gynecological history, contraceptive history, personal medical history, health risk factors, and family health history, including genetic or hereditary conditions.

(E) A complete physical examination on initial and subsequent periodic visits.

SEC. 7. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty

1 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section
2 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition
3 of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article
4 XIII B of the California Constitution.

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